

# The Washington Times

WASHINGTON, TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1919.

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## SECTION TWO.

## LAW AGENTS ASKED HERE

Local Credit Men at Meeting Indorse Bill to Be Presented To Congress.

By BILL PRICE.

Passage by Congress of a law to punish negotiators of fraudulent checks will be the aim of Washington business men, who find that they sustain considerable losses through these frauds each year. The lack of such a law has long been felt, and this community is about the only one in the nation which is not fully protected against impostors, professionals and amateurs engaged in this line of work.

The campaign took definite shape last night at the monthly meeting and dinner of the credit section of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association at the St. Marks, when by unanimous vote the members indorsed a bill that has been drawn up for presentation to Congress.

Provisions of Bill.

The bill provides that any person who, with intent to defraud, draws and passes any check, draft, or order upon a bank, knowing at the time that he has not sufficient funds to his credit, is guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be fined or imprisoned. The drawing of the check is prima facie evidence of intent to defraud, and unless the defendant can promptly "cover" the deficiency or otherwise make good.

The existing laws of the District are almost useless in punishing the worthless check operator if he falls back upon the plea that he "thought he had sufficient money in bank." If he proves that he has been maintaining a small bank account he has a strong defense, despite the fact that in many instances the checks are far greater in amount than the largest total the operator ever had in bank.

Because of the weakness of District laws many professional operators, in addition to local amateurs who resort to this form of defrauding business men, are compelled to resort to U. S. checks tampered with.

This is just one of the many troubles of Washington business men, who have lately found numerous Government checks tampered with through false indorsements, and amounts, and in some instances actual forgeries. As a result the Government is back of Government pay checks, are compelled to resort to careful methods of identification before cashing these checks.

It was for the purpose of discussing these and other matters, including granting of credits, that the credit section met last night, with David Sanger presiding and Charles J. Columbus in his place as secretary. The various aspects were discussed by Mr. Sanger, John D. Clarke, Stephen Marks, Mark Lansburgh, Samuel Schwartz, C. M. Keifer, Herbert J. Rich, and others.

Max Fischer, of Woodward & Lothrop, described by Chairman Sanger as the "dean of Washington credit men," introduced S. Crowder, executive secretary of the Retail Credit Men's Association, who spoke upon the trials and tribulations of credit men and women, and methods pursued in various cities of the country to guard against exceptional losses. He praised the effective work of women as credit managers in large stores, giving instances of their cleverness and tact on the part of women managers of large stores. He referred to organized fraud as practiced by roving operators.

Advices Close Co-operation. Mr. Crowder advised close co-operation among credit managers in reporting the number of accounts carried by some customers to the central rating bureau over the association. Secretary Columbus has a staff of experts who make reports to stores upon the names sent to his office. In this way business men obtain a rating on the standing of credit purchasers.

United States Senator David Walsh, of Massachusetts, was the principal speaker, discussing the condition of the business outlook. He was introduced by John W. Clarke, formerly of Massachusetts. Senator Walsh is optimistic as to quick adjustment and prosperity in this country.

The credit section finds that its monthly gatherings are helpful in bringing members into business and social touch and will seek to greatly increase the membership.

Among Those Present.

Among those who enjoyed the evening were Wallace F. Randolph, Hull Estabrook, Miss Harriet, Miss Mildred Wright, L. R. McDowell, and Mrs. McDowell, Albert R. Kruger, John H. McKay, Harry J. Backer, H. Claude Turner, Standish J. Wilcox, Miss Lillian Hambro, J. D. Clarke, Miss Helen Zusschnitt, Miss Banks, Miss Reynolds, Mrs. Shade, Miss India Quinn, G. Merritt MacWhorter, E. Beatty, Harry Ostermeyer, W. E. Schmidt, L. F. Valentine, Miss Rubash, Miss Jameson, Mrs. Ethel McCaffrey, Leo Baum, Miss Lorraine Radel, Miss Elizabeth Miller, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Moore, Miss Gladys Russell, H. J. Rich, Mark Lansburgh, David F. Sanger, George H. Mihm, John W. Water, Max M. Rich, C. J. Columbus, Charles Keifer, Mrs. May T. Kapper, S. Zirkin, M. H. Leech, A. V. Hoffman, Stephen H. Talks, Martin M. Watson, Mrs. Bert Jones, W. E. Thompson, Samuel Schwartz, R. E. Clokey, E. W. Whitehead, Benjamin D. Jenkins, W. P. Jacobs, George O. Smithson, J. M. Dugan, A. B. Roche, L. M. Hewitt, J. R. Simms, Mrs. M. F. Simms, C. Mills, Miss Dorothy E. Farr, Sarah Dulin, Mrs. Gladys C. Dance, Mrs. F. Kanza, E. Ringgold, Miss Julia Giovannetti, Miss Josie C. Martin, Miss May May, Miss Elsie M. Lee, Miss Beatrice A. Ridgeley, Max Fischer.

## RED CROSS WORKER WINS HONORS



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## FRANCE DECORATES LT. COL. BICKNELL

Lieut. Col. Ernest P. Bicknell, for years one of the most enthusiastic Red Cross workers in Washington, has been decorated by France with one of the highest awards bestowed, the Legion of Honor, for his unceasing work with the Red Cross organization overseas, according to word received here today.

Colonel Bicknell, who was formerly national director of the Red Cross, is a District man. His home is at 2171 Twentieth street northwest. Before going "over there" he took a profound interest in every move for betterment of Washington. His wife is Mrs. Grace Bicknell, whose well-known work in the city earned her a reputation as a social service worker.

Word that Colonel Bicknell had been honored with the award received only by a chosen few in the war, included the names of other Red Cross men whom France had decorated for their services. They are Lieutenant Cole, Harvey D. Gibson, and George H. Burr, of New York; Robert E. Olds, of Minnesota; Carl Taylor, and Major H. O. Beatty, of California.

The rank of chevalier was given Lieut. Col. Homer Folke, and Major J. B. Forburg, of New York; Major Knowlton M. C. C. Burlingame, Alexander Smith, of Chicago, Ill., and Capt. Frederick L. Emerson, of Auburn, N. Y.

## DISTRICT CLEAN-UP DRIVE SUCCESSFUL

The District Health Department's "clean up Washington" campaign is showing amazing results.

Reports made by inspectors of the Health Department to Charles R. Holman, chief sanitary inspector, show a decrease of 50 per cent in the number of places in Washington found unclean during the past week as compared with the previous week.

Out of 681 complaints received by the department only 148 places were found in an unsanitary condition, or about 25 per cent. The week before 25 per cent of the places visited were found unclean.

The report this week is as follows: Visited, 110 alleys, 15 unclean; 50 areaways, 6 unclean; 121 cellars, 6 unclean; 91 stables, 10 unclean; 86 sheds, 15 unclean; and 223 yards, 96 unclean.

The inspectors of the Health Department last week worked about forty-five hours overtime in an effort to clean up Washington.

## WASHINGTON IS READY TO GREET YANKS

Theater, Supper, and Dance Scheduled in Program for 110th and 104th Men.

Final plans for the welcome home reception of the 400 Washington soldiers of the 110th Field Artillery and 104th Field Signal Battalion were completed today by Isaac Gans, chairman of the Citizens' Welcome Home Committee.

The program is an elaborate one and will last for two days. Colonel Hoffman, executive officer of Camp Meade, Md., officially notified Mr. Gans today that the District soldiers would arrive in Washington, at the Union Station, between 10 and 11 o'clock Thursday.

Committee of Welcome.

At the Union Station a committee composed of the following will welcome the District soldiers: Secretary of War Baker, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Congressman Julius Kahn, Commissioner Louis Brownlow, Isaac Gans, Maj. R. D. La Garde, Lieut. Jerome Meyers, Yeoman Theodore Howe, Capt. Peter Yoder, Capt. W. J. Harper, Private L. C. Hines, Private J. Bentley Mulford, Quartermaster Clerk James Lippert, Chief Yeoman Gail T. Judd and Donald Atwell. The ten last named men represent the George Washington Post No. 1, the local auxiliary to the American Legion.

Short addresses of welcome will be made at the station by Secretary Baker, Secretary Daniels, Congressman Kahn, Commissioner Brownlow and Mr. Gans.

Accompanied by two companies of District National Guardsmen, commanded by Brig. Gen. Richard D. Simms, and a band, the 400 soldiers will march from the Union Station, south on North Capitol street to the Capital grounds. The men will march through the Capital grounds to Peace Monument.

Line of March.

From Peace Monument the parade up Pennsylvania avenue will begin. The men will go up the Avenue to Fifteenth street, around Fifteenth street and out Pennsylvania avenue past the White House to Seventeenth street. North on Seventeenth street to Connecticut avenue, north on Connecticut avenue to Massachusetts avenue, east on Massachusetts avenue to 1214 Massachusetts avenue.

At this place, which is the War Camp Community Club in Washington, the soldiers will be given a luncheon, provided by the community service. The Knights of Columbus have agreed to furnish cigarettes, cigars, candy and chewing gum to the men. Commissioner Louis Brownlow has been asked to address the men following the luncheon.

After the luncheon the men will march down Fourteenth street to R. P. Keith's Theater, where they will attend the matinee show. Roland S. Robbins, manager of the theater, has offered to accommodate the soldiers at the theater at the expense of the house.

Supper at Wardman Park Inn.

Following the theater party the men will take motor buses, loaned by Charles Semmes Motor Company, and ride to Wardman Park Inn, where a supper will be awaiting them.

The forty soldiers of the 104th Field Signal Battalion were discharged from Camp Meade, Md., yesterday afternoon. The women's committee, headed by Mrs. Leroy Herron, which is arranging for welcoming the 10th, has invited these soldiers to join the party.

The next day—Friday, Decoration Day—the men will be to themselves and allowed to do as they wish until their train return to Camp Meade Friday night.

Isaac Gans will preside at all of the gatherings of these men. Mrs. Leroy Herron, wife of Major LeRoy Herron, desires that all men that ever served with the 110th Field Artillery communicate with her at the Wellington apartment and she will make arrangements for them to participate in the welcome home parade.

## "Temple Maidens" at Big "Sal" Pageant



Washington children took a prominent part in the pageant yesterday at the Syvian Theater, in the interests of the Salvation Army drive. This photograph shows five girls dancing in the open air, as the "Temple Maidens." From left to right they are: Doris Albrow, Francis Sayer, Althea Sayer, Loraine Sayer, and Dorothy Warner.

## GAMBLER SLAIN IN "CRAPS" GAME

An inquest over the body of Ernest Holmes, colored, thirty-six years old, of 1132 Twenty-sixth street northwest, who was shot and killed yesterday during an argument over a craps game, on L between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets northwest, was held at the District morgue today.

Leonard West, colored, twenty-five years old, of 1918 L street northwest, was arrested a short time after the shooting by Policeman Loftus of the Third precinct. West, the police say, admitted shooting Holmes.

The police assert that the two men were engaged in a craps game when an argument arose, and West drew a revolver and fired. The bullet took effect in Holmes' abdomen, and he died a short time later at the Emergency Hospital. West surrendered a nine-shot automatic revolver to the police when arrested.

## WALSH TO SPEAK BEFORE CITY CLUB

Senator David I. Walsh, of Massachusetts and Addison L. Winslow, vice president of the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, will be the speakers at the May dinner of the City Club in the rooms of the organization on Farragut Square tonight.

Senator Walsh is the first Democrat to represent Massachusetts in the Senate for years, and is a former governor of the State.

Mr. Winslow was for years executive secretary of the City Club of Boston, one of the largest and most influential clubs in the United States. He is making this trip to Washington at the special request of the City Club to tell Washingtonians how the people of Boston made possible a city club of worth-while proportions in the Hub city.

The drive for a membership of 1,500 which, when secured, will insure Washington a \$1,000,000 club building with complete athletic and social features, is well under way. The captains of the various membership teams promise to bring in many applications for membership at the luncheon meeting which will be held in the club rooms at 12:30 today.

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## D. C. Methodists Close Big Drive By Subscribing \$5,000 More Than Quota

Roadside Mission won first honors in the Washington district in the drive of the Methodist Episcopal church to raise \$105,000,000 for reconstruction work and for home and foreign missions, according to figures compiled by leaders in the local campaign. With a quota of only \$174, Roadside raised \$450, more than double its apportionment.

Second honors went to the church at Gaithersburg, Md., which also more than doubled its quota of \$1,180, raising \$2,500. Trinity Church comes third, with \$8,203 raised, although its apportionment was only \$5,322.

Forty of the forty-seven churches in the District went "over the top," bringing the grand total for the District up to \$110,981, approximately \$5,000 more than the goal that had been set—\$106,000 annually for five years. Reports have not yet been received from St. Mary's, Md., and Forestville, Md. Several churches have received late subscriptions that have not yet been reported, so it is certain that the final total will be in excess of \$111,000.

Largest Quota Easily Raised. Foundry Church, which had the largest apportionment, \$16,893, raised the full amount and probably will be in a position within a day or two to announce a substantial oversubscription.

Metropolitan, the only local church which failed to raise its quota, expects that late subscriptions will put the church well "over the top." Through some misunderstanding the drive at this church did not get launched until the campaign was almost over.

Metropolitan had the second largest quota in the District, \$9,556, and raised \$8,760 in practically two days.

Records of D. C. Churches. The records made by the various churches in the Washington district follow:

Bruen, \$624 quota, \$624 raised; Leonardtown, Md., \$686 quota, \$686 raised; Trinity, \$5,322 quota, \$8,203 raised; Wilson Memorial, \$2,163 quota, \$2,163 raised; Bradburn, \$590 quota, \$590 raised; Anacostia, \$1,320 quota, \$1,320 raised; Camp Springs, Md., \$622 quota, \$622 raised; Congress Heights, \$670 quota, \$670 raised; Washington, Md., \$1,925 quota, \$1,925 raised; Douglas Memorial, \$2,857 quota, \$2,857 raised; Hyattsville and Langdon, \$1,984 quota, \$1,125 raised; Pleasant, \$1,774 quota, \$1,774 raised; East Pleasant, \$2,122 quota, \$2,122 raised; Takoma, Md., \$1,116 quota, \$1,116 raised; Brookland, \$1,343 quota, \$1,343 raised; Hamline, \$5,650 quota, \$7,339 raised; Lincoln Road, \$1,242 quota, \$1,242 raised; Lanham, Md., \$614 quota, \$614 raised; North Capitol, \$1,391 quota, \$1,391 raised; Gorseuch, \$670 quota, \$670 raised; Metropolitan, \$9,556 quota, \$8,760 raised; McKendree, \$2,164 quota, \$2,164 raised; Ryland, \$2,613 quota, \$2,163 raised; Wesley Chapel, \$4,191 quota, \$4,191 raised; Alexandria, Va., \$2,001 quota, \$2,001 raised; Chevy Chase, Md., \$450 quota, \$450 raised; Foundry, \$16,893 quota, \$16,893 raised; Union, \$12,428 quota, \$12,428 raised; Brightwood, \$1,461 quota, \$1,461 raised; Burton, Md., \$682 quota, \$682 raised; Calvary, \$1,276 quota, \$1,276 raised; Iowa Avenue, \$1,276 quota, \$1,276 raised; Petworth, \$2,176 quota, \$2,176 raised; Lincoln Road, \$1,242 quota, \$1,242 raised; Woodside, \$624 quota, \$624 raised; Arlington, \$500 quota, \$500 raised; Concord, \$1,600 quota, \$1,600 raised; Concord, \$1,600 quota, \$1,600 raised; Full Church, Va., \$1,448 raised; Full Church, Va., \$1,448 raised; Herndon, Va., \$895 quota, \$895 raised; Kenilworth, Md., \$914 quota, \$923 raised; Tenleytown, \$1,740 quota, \$1,740 raised; Gathervest, \$1,149 quota, \$1,149 raised; Laytonville, \$1,457 quota, \$1,457 raised; Montgomery, \$1,916 quota, \$1,916 raised; Washington, Md., \$319 quota, \$319 raised.

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## D. C. GUARD UNITS TO BE REORGANIZED

Reorganization of units of the District national guard, which return from France as parts of the regular military establishment into a new District guard, will be undertaken at once to form a peace-time military body for the National Capital.

Two companies of the Infantry, Companies A and C, of the Fifth Infantry, have been formed under direction of Brig. Gen. Richard D. Simms, commander of the District guard. Ten more companies are in progress of formation. The regiment will contain fifty-six officers and 1,361 enlisted men, peace-time strength.

New men taken into the District guard will receive 25 per cent of the pay for regular army troops. Whether the money that they will get 25 per cent of \$30, the amount paid enlisted men at the present time, or 25 per cent of the old \$15 monthly pay that soldiers received, is dependent on a ruling which the War Department is expected to make shortly.

16 Divisions for U. S.

Tentative War Department plans for the peacetime National Guard of the nation include a return to the prewar organization, comprising sixteen divisions for the United States, it was stated today.

Washington is authorized to proceed with the formation of a new District unit, which may be made up, however, of companies of the old District Guard which are still in France.

Twenty-five States, Hawaii and the District of Columbia have been given such authorization by Congress. Others will be authorized when State governments apply for permission.

New Recruiting For Guard.

Recruiting for the new District guard is proceeding under immediate supervision of Capt. Edward Grove, Second Lieut. Samuel L. Smith is in command of Company A, the newly formed unit, and Capt. Harry E. Gladman is in command of Company C.

These units hold weekly drills in the morning, Fifth and L. streets northwest.

It can be authoritatively stated that it is the intention of General Simms and other District leaders to reorganize the guard, as far as possible, in the way it existed when District troops were mustered into Federal service in 1917.

If plans materialize and recruiting can be pushed as rapidly as is desired, the new District guard, which should be complete in a few months, will include the Fifth Infantry Regiment, consisting of twelve infantry companies, a headquarters company, machine gun company and supply company; two batteries of field artillery, two companies of coast artillery, one field hospital company, a signal corps company and four troops of cavalry.

This was practically the constitution of the old District National Guard as it went to the Mexican border in 1916.

Major La Garde Assisting.

Assisting Gen. Simms in the formation of the new guard units is Major Richard D. La Garde, of the regular army. He is adjutant general of the District Guard.

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## BOARD HEARS BRUCE CASE

Attorneys for the Parents' League today completed the list of charges which will be filed against Roscoe C. Bruce, colored assistant superintendent of schools, at a meeting of the Board of Education tomorrow.

While the specific charges have not been given out by the officers of the league, representing about 20,000 Washington residents, it was stated today that three requests would be made to the board. They are:

1. Immunity for the teachers "called upon to testify against Mr. Bruce."

2. A public hearing of the Bruce case.

3. Action by the board in summoning the teachers to the advancement of the Parents' League.

Willing to Testify. "The Parents' League estimates that two-thirds of the colored teachers of Washington are willing to testify against Mr. Bruce in the matter of conditions in the public schools," said Dr. C. M. Tanner, one of the officials of the league. "These teachers will be reluctant about testifying, however, if they are not granted immunity from possible prosecution."

"Feeling is widespread among the colored people of Washington that the Bruce matter be decided at once," said the Rev. James L. Pinn today. "The movement against Mr. Bruce is not spasmodic and will continue until the assistant superintendent is removed from office. The Parents' League is devoted to the advancement of civic improvement and has pleased itself to continue the fight until Mr. Bruce is dismissed. We feel confident that the Board of Education will accede to the trend of public opinion in this matter."

Board Issues Statement.

The Board of Education, through George E. Hamilton, issued a statement yesterday formally setting tomorrow's meeting of the board. The charges may be received. The statement follows:

"On the 7th day of May, 1919, a petition with numerous signatures was presented to the Board of Education requesting the removal from office of Mr. Roscoe C. Bruce, assistant superintendent of schools in the District of Columbia."

"This petition, alleging inefficiency, but containing no specific charge, was received by the board with the statement that it would be considered, but that its allegations were too general in character and that definite charges in writing, signed by responsible parties, were required as a ground for trial. These charges were promised, but have not been presented."

"On May 21 counsel for Mr. Bruce appeared before the board and stated that opportunity be given his client to vindicate himself, and to that end urged investigation."

"The Board of Education will make investigation, and as a preliminary step for the purpose of receiving any charge that may be made will hold a special meeting at 4:30 on May 28. Charges, if presented, should be made in writing, definite in character and signed by parties making the same."

"While many interesting features are expected to come up in the hearing, the one which is attracting probably the widest attention is that of 'The Boule.'"

The Boule will be mentioned in the data presented by the Parents' League as a secret society composed of colored men of Washington, the members of which are said to be pledged to uphold as their 'motto' 'without regard to ethics' in any controversy which may arise."

Just what connection 'The Boule' has with the Bruce case is not definitely known, and so the mention of the society in the charges brought by the Parents' League is being awaited with considerable interest."

Charges Made Tomorrow. While the principal charges against the assistant superintendent will be made tomorrow, the Parents' League is preparing a list of supplemental charges, which will be presented at a meeting of the Board of Education.

The case of the Parents' League, it is said, will be based mainly on the following contention: "That Roscoe C. Bruce, assistant superintendent of colored schools, during his administration of said schools, has by his many acts of omission and commission forfeited the confidence and lost the respect of the parents of the children in the public schools of the District."

The charges will be presented to the board as being sufficient ground in the minds of the members of the Parents' League, of the correctness of their claims.

Five Meetings Tonight. Preliminary to the presentation of the charges tomorrow, there will be five anti-Bruce mass meetings held by the 20,000 members of the Parents' League tonight.

The meetings will be held in the following churches: Ebenezer A. M. E., Shiloh Baptist, Zion, Metropolitan A. M. E., and New Bethel Baptist. Overflow meetings will also be held.

The following speakers will address the audiences at the various mass meetings: Dr. C. M. Tanner, Miss N. E. Broun, R. V. Thompson, C. S. Hill, Mrs. Anna Murray, Mrs. F. S. Tanner, W. D. Jarvis, W. Calvin Chase, and H. J. Callis.

During the meeting of the Baptist Pastors' Union of Washington and vicinity yesterday, the twenty-five members of the organization pledged their support to the Parents' League in the fight against Mr. Bruce.

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